Jasper Community Arts Commission and Jasper Library Board of Trustees Joint Meeting

On Tuesday, January 5, 2016, the two governing bodies named above conducted a joint meeting to review the Jasper Cultural Center project.

Jasper Community Arts Commission members present: Mike Jones, Darla Blazey, Becky Hickman, Linda Kahle, Gary Moeller, Sherry Monesmith, Kyle Rupert, Beth Seidl, Pat Thyen. JCAC members absent: Selena Vonderheide and Jay Hamlin. Staff present: Kit Miracle, Karen Grewe, Emily Colucci, Doreen Lechner, Donna Schepers and Corina Mack. Jasper Library Board of Trustees present: Dean Vonderheide, Lisa Kincer, Mark Kunkel, Carol Hodell, Phil Tolbert, Pamela Catt. Library board members absent: Deb Stemle. Staff present: Christine Golden.

The two Boards along with City Attorney Renee Kabrick and Library Board Attorney Bill Shaneyfelt reviewed the scope of the project and discussed the DINO tax credits available for this project. The three components to this project are: Library, Arts, and Private Development. City Properties Group/City Visions was the private developer required on the application for the Tax Credits. The Tax Credits are transferrable to another private developer as long as the scope of the project remains the same. Discussion followed regarding accepting City Properties Group/City Visions as the private partner for this project or issuing a Request for Qualifications for another private development partner and the project timeline for the next few months. A question was asked how City Properties Group/City Visions became involved with the project. City Visions responded to the City of Jasper's RFP for a Comprehensive Plan and has been working with the City since that time. This project is part of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The two Boards discussed the formation of a Joint Cultural Center Subcommittee. It was proposed that Kit Miracle and Christine Golden sit on the committee along with two volunteers from each board. Darla Blazey and Kyle Rupert volunteered for JCAC. Mark Kunkel and Dean Vonderheide volunteered for the Library Board.

Gary Moeller, JCAC, moved to solicit written proposals to be evaluated as partners for the Cultural Center Project to be reviewed by the Joint Subcommittee by mid February. Kyle Rupert seconded. JCAC board members passed this motion 8-1.

After further discussion, Gary Moeller moved to rescind this motion. Kyle Rupert seconded. Motion passed 9-0. Gary Moeller, JCAC, moved to have the committee that has been identified to solicit partners for the Cultural Center, utilizing the time line that has been identified in this meeting. Motion died for lack of second. Becky Hickman left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Gary Moeller left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Sherry Monesmith moved for the JCAC Joint Subcommittee members to be: Kit Miracle, Kyle Rupert and Darla Blazey. Linda Kahle seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

The Library Board moved to publish a notice in local newspapers with a deadline of January 18, 2016, for interested parties to contact Kit Miracle or Christine Golden regarding soliciting an interest in their partnership/development of the Cultural Center with written proposals to be received no later than February 1, 2016. The Library Board passed this motion.

Darla Blazey made the same motion for the JCAC. Mike Jones seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Sherry Monesmith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.	Darla Blazey seconded. Motion passed 7-0.	
Mike Jones, President	 Attested	